

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1902 - HB 2223

March 5, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Currently, under the *Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977*, consumers and legitimate businesses are protected from “those who engage” in unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce in part or wholly within this state. This bill specifies that “those who engage” includes health care services.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumption:

- The Division of Consumer Affairs already accepts complaints from consumers about health care providers and services of all types. Any increase in state expenditures from specifically including health care services in the purpose of the *Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977* will not be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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